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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON Talked to both Mike O'Neil, Chief Counsel, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Bill Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, regarding a possible signing ceremony for the Intelligence Authorization Bill. Both were enthusiastic about this possibility. I indicated that the Speaker of the House will not transmit the Bill to the President until 6 September 1978.

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14. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Received a call from Mr. Walter Douglas, Legislative Correspondent to Representative John Rhodes (R., Ariz.), who inquired about legislation to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of identities of intelligence officers. Mr. Douglas said his query was prompted by recent press articles concerning the activities of Philip Agee. I told Mr. Douglas we were looking at such legislation and gave to him numbers of several bills in both Houses of Congress that deal with this subject.

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15. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Spoke with Mr. Larry Hammond, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, on the matter of providing to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence amendatory language to H.R. 12171, the "Federal Accounting and Auditing Act of 1978." I gave Mr. Hammond the gist of the letter we were proposing to send from Deputy Director Carlucci to Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), in which we were recommending very strongly that the whole issue addressed by H.R. 12171 -- the authority of the Comptroller General to audit confidential funds expenditures -- be considered carefully and preferably in the context of the charter legislation; but that, if that were not possible then we would recommend an amendment to H.R. 12171 which would maintain the status quo of the CIA's present relationship with the Comptroller General on this matter. Mr. Hammond said he had no problems with the letter but asked that we include therein a clear reference to the effect that our amendment did not address the effects of the bill on other entities of the Intelligence Community and that we would hope these matters would be addressed when the legislation receives full consideration. He also clarified for me the position of the Department on section 3 of the bill.

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